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TAGS: EMIN, RP

SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE RECEPTION TO CIPEC TEAM LUKEWARM

REF: PORT MORESBY 0540

1. AFTER VISIT TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA CIPEC TEAM INCLUDING
EXEC. DIRECTOR GUERONIK, ZAMBIAN MIN. MINES SOKU AND HIS
COHORT MONTUMBO AS WELL AS AN OTHERWISE UNIDENTIFIED
STAFF MEMBER VISITED MANILA JUNE 11 TO 13.

2. RECEPTION WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC. ON FIRST NIGHT SEC.

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OF NATIONAL RESOURCES LEIDO HOSTED DINNER THAT WAS POORLY

ATTENDED DUE MAINLY TO DELAY IN TEAM ARRIVAL CAUSED BY
PRESIDENT MARCOS RETURN FROM PEKING.

3. ON JUNE 13 SEC. OF INDUSTRY PATERNO HOSTED LUNCH AT
WHICH HE STATED THAT HE WOULD CALL MEETING OF COPPER
INDUSTRY TO GET THEIR VIEWS ON CIPEC MEMBERSHIP. GUESTS
AT LUNCHEON REPRESENTED ALL MAJOR COPPER PRODUCERS SAVE
ONE. MEETING HAS NOT YET BEEN CALLED.

4. AT PRESENT, NO PRODUCERS, EXCEPT ATLAS, ARE BEING FORCED
TO REDUCE SHIPMENTS OF CONCENTRATES TO JAPAN BELOW MINIMUM
CONTRACT LEVEL. MOREOVER, PRESENT REDUCED LEVEL OF SHIPMENTS
IS PARTLY DUE TO MINING OF LOWER GRADE ORES.

5. ATLAS HAS AGREED TO DEFER SHIPMENT OF 10 PERCENT (20
MILLION POUNDS) OF ITS 1975 PRODUCTION WHILE "QUESTION OF
ORE TOWING BY BARGE IS BEING STUDIED". IN MEANTIME, JAPANESE
WILL STOCKPILE WIRE BAR FOR ATLAS.

6. PHILEX WHICH DID REDUCE ITS APRIL SHIPMENTS BY 15 PERCENT
HAS SIGNED CONTRACT TO SHIP 28,000 TONS TO TAIWAN THUS
ALLEVIATING PROBLEM OF PRESSURE FROM JAPAN FOR REDUCTIONS
IN SHIPMENTS.

7. COMMENT: LOCAL COPPER PRODUCERS WHO SHIP ONLY CONCENTRATES,
NOT METAL, VERY COOL TO CIPEC PARTICULARLY SUBSEQUENT TO TACTICS
EMPLOYED BY ORGANIZATION TO GET JAPANESE TO CUT PRODUCTION
WHICH, OF COURSE, AFFECTED PHILIPPINE SHIPMENTS TO JAPAN.
PATERNO PLOY IN PUTTING OFF ANY DIRECT TURN DOWN OF CIPEC
IS TYPICAL OF GOP ATTITUDE TOWARD BODY. FOR IMMEDIATE
FUTURE, THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF GOP ENTRY.
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